

**Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations**  
**2021 Annual Report**



**SUPPORT VICTIMS.**  
**BUILD TRUST.**  
**ENGAGE COMMUNITIES.**

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## MISSION

*The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board pledges to serve the needs of eligible victims of crime, and their dependents, who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of a violent crime. The Board and its staff recognize the special needs of those victimized by violent crime and accept the responsibility to provide financial assistance to victims who qualify under program guidelines. In this way, the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board and staff are committed to restoring the lives that have been impacted by violence.*



## GOALS

*The goal of the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations program is to provide compensation for victims' unexpected expenses, such as medical treatment, mental-health counseling, rehabilitation, lost wages, replacement services, and funeral expenses.*

# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

On behalf of the entire Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board (ACVRB) and its staff members, it is my distinct honor and privilege to present the ACVRB 2021 Annual Report. This report covers the activities of the ACVRB from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The Board and staff strive to provide timely and much needed financial assistance to the citizens of Arkansas who have suffered personal injury or loss as a result of a violent crime.

This report overviews the ACVRB mission and goals, identifies Board members and staff, provides a summary of claims received and awarded, and covers total compensation paid out to Crime Victims and Sexual Assault Victims. The report also provides a county-by-county breakdown of the number of awarded claims and compensation received by citizens of each Arkansas county, plus some examples of types of financial assistance paid out by the ACVRB.

The ACVRB relies heavily on AOJ and VOCA grant funds, which have simply been inadequate in meeting the needs of all the claims received by the ACVRB. In the past, the Arkansas Attorney General has very graciously provided some additional funding. For fiscal year 2021-22, we are very thankful to Governor Asa Hutchinson for additional support from his restricted reserve fund in the amount of \$2 million! The funds were pro-rated for Crime Victims and Sexual Assault Victims awards, and this support has helped us tremendously in meeting the demands of claims received.

The ACVRB continues to be housed administratively under the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, and we are very grateful for the continued leadership and support of Jami Cook, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety. We also want to recognize Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles, Deputy Director, Administrative Operations, Arkansas State Police (ASP); Lester Hankins, Chief of Staff, DPS; and Cody Hiland, Attorney, DPS for all their wisdom and guidance to the ACVRB particularly as it relates to the budgeting process as we work to fulfill our Mission and Goals. Under the leadership of Staff Attorney Amanda Yarbrough, some important accomplishments of 2021 were the development of a new Sexual Assault Claim form as well as the promulgation of rules governing Sexual Assault claims; these rules were approved by the Legislative Sub-Committee and will become effective 1/1/22. Operations have continued at full capacity in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic and the staff has continued to work diligently!! ACVRB staff is now on the verge of a conversion to processing all claims electronically, so we look forward to new challenges and successes in 2022.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this report, or about the operations of the ACVRB, please contact the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board at 501-682-1020 or 501-682-1323.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice K. Church, Ph.D., Chairman of the ACVRB

# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD



**Dr. Janice Church**

Chairman

Little Rock

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board was created by the legislature in 1987 in order to help minimize the financial burden realized by victims of violent crime. Since its inception, the Board has disbursed millions of dollars to crime victims. Although this financial assistance did not erase the scars left by violent crime, it did help many people to rebuild their lives.

# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD



**Molly Shepherd**  
Member  
Attorney at Law



**Bryce Brewer**  
Member  
Attorney at Law



**Lt. Eugene Tyree**  
Member  
Victim Advocate



**Paula Steinsiek**  
Member  
Victim Advocate

# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

## PAID AMOUNT

2021			
	<i>Received</i>	<i>Awarded</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
<i>Crime Victims</i>	276	565	\$1,006,808.66
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	672	1,335	\$562,230.42
<i>Total Claims</i>	948	*1,900	\$1,569,039.08

\*THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS PROCESSED INCLUDES CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR-DUE TO THE TURNAROUND PROCESS.



# ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS STAFF



**Lynette Parham**  
Administrator



**Tonya Hooks**  
Investigator



**Varnell Messer**  
Claims Specialist



**Melinda Perkins**  
Investigator



**Michaela Thomas**  
Fiscal Specialist

## AWARDS BY COUNTY

	Claims	Total
Arkansas	12	\$19,289.85
Ashley	2	\$6,265.71
Baxter	10	\$21,890.28
Benton	80	\$82,737.19
Boone	9	\$17,308.43
Bradley	10	\$915.83
Calhoun	2	\$2,905.60
Carroll	8	\$5,735.44
Chicot	4	\$7,768.11
Clark	7	\$12,820.34
Clay	2	\$1,921.25
Cleburne	10	\$8,963.03
Cleveland	2	\$1,480.57
Columbia	4	\$19,966.17
Conway	4	\$2,730.93
Craighead	34	\$46,585.30
Crawford	24	\$19,719.18
Crittenden	10	\$30,217.25
Cross	2	\$1,758.80
Dallas	1	\$2,500.00
Desha	7	\$4,502.23
Drew	3	\$2,220.23
Faulkner	33	\$34,107.95
Franklin	9	\$6,733.51
Fulton	0	\$0
Garland	36	\$66,809.96
Grant	2	\$1,848.33
Greene	9	\$5,774.90
Hempstead	8	\$19,078.29
Hot Springs	2	\$2,835.19

	Claims	Total
Howard	7	\$6,806.13
Independence	8	\$7,806.01
Izard	1	\$1,004.17
Jackson	14	\$27,759.11
Jefferson	55	\$143,888.14
Johnson	2	\$1,259.25
Lafayette	1	\$7,255.00
Lawrence	2	\$2,393.07
Lee	6	\$23,846.42
Lincoln	4	\$2,181.16
Little River	7	\$6,617.85
Logan	3	\$2,084.58
Lonoke	16	\$8,547.92
Madison	6	\$21,404.73
Marion	6	\$4,200.00
Miller	21	\$16,834.38
Mississippi	19	\$40,860.58
Monroe	2	\$1,021.76
Montgomery	1	\$7,500.00
Nevada	3	\$8,215.88
Newton	4	\$2,621.76
Other State	0	\$0
Ouachita	3	\$4,538.88
Perry	2	\$1,786.78
Phillips	11	\$48,528.07
Pike	2	\$1,785.57
Poinsett	7	\$6,363.94
Polk	4	\$2,702.82
Pope	3	\$1,827.32
Prairie	3	\$1,920.28
Pulaski	119	\$343,344.31
Randolph	0	\$0
Saline	15	\$25,017.81

	Claims	Total
Scott	7	\$5,568.36
Searcy	1	\$860.88
Sebastian	81	\$75,163.68
Sevier	2	\$997.09
Sharp	5	\$6,119.92
St. Francis	12	\$43,659.19
Stone	7	\$5,419.36
Union	13	\$31,109.61
Van Buren	5	\$4,557.89
Washington	80	\$83,159.89
White	34	\$56,157.31
Woodruff	1	\$1,060.88
Yell	3	\$15,921.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>\$1,569,039.08</b>

# VICTIM PAYOUTS

- Two Pulaski County women, a 61-year-old mother and a 31-year-old daughter were both shot multiple times and died as a result. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with funeral expenses, reimbursement for temporary guardianship fees, and school tuition for the young woman's two children.
- A 24-year-old Jackson County woman was abducted while jogging and murdered by her neighbor. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with funeral expenses.
- A 13-year-old Pulaski County girl was standing in the doorway of her home and was fatally shot. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with funeral expenses.
- A 27-year-old Garland County man suffered injuries when he was struck in the head with a metal pipe. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.
- A 41-year-old Washington County woman was a victim of domestic assault by her husband. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.
- A 41-year-old Faulkner County woman was a victim of domestic assault by her husband and sustained fractured ribs and a collapsed lung. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses and work loss.
- A 67-year-old Washington County woman was a passenger in a vehicle and sustained multiple traumatic injuries including broken bones when her vehicle was hit by another vehicle being operated by a driver who was under the influence. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.
- A 25-year-old Lee County man was shot by one of his acquaintances and died as a result. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist the family with funeral expenses.
- A 40-year-old Hempstead County man was operating his vehicle when it was struck by another vehicle being operated by a drunk driver, who then fled the scene. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.

## A GLIMPSE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Melinda Perkins presenting a presentation to the AR Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA) at the Black River Technical College in Pocahontas, AR.



Administrator Lynette Parham speaking at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and National Day of Remembrance of Parents of Murdered Children.